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From:

Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region

Subject:

Negative Declaration prepared in accordance with Public Resource Code Section 21080(c) and California Code of

Regulations Sections 15070 and 15071.

Project Proponent: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central

Coast Region.

Project Title:

Resolution R3-2008-0010, General Waiver for Specific

Types of Discharges.

Project Description: Conditional waiver of report of waste discharge, waste discharge requirements, and/or permission to discharge for

specific types of discharge that have no significant adverse

effect on waters of the State.

Contact Person:

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This is to advise you that an Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration have been filed with the State Clearinghouse and the Clerks of Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and Ventura Counties. Action on these documents will be taken in accordance with California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15072 through 15075

Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration can be obtained from the Contact Person name above.

Comments on the Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration should be submitted by March 14, 2008.

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, staff prepared an Initial Study of possible impacts of the following project:

PROJECT PROPONENT: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central

Coast Region

PROJECT TITLE: Resolution No. R3-2008-0010, General Waiver of Waste

Discharger Requirements for Specific Types of

Discharges

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Conditional waivers of report of waste discharge, waste

discharge requirements, and/or permission to discharge for specific types of discharges that have no significant adverse effects on waters of the State. Waivers may be issued by the Central Coast Water Board Executive Officer for discharges specified in Attachment A1 to Resolution No. R3-2008-0010 provided that specified conditions are met. Waivers may be terminated at any

time at the Executive Officer's discretion.

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FINDING: This project, as described and proposed herein, will not

have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, an Environmental Impact Report is not required by CEQA. In support of this finding, a copy of the Initial

Study (CEQA Checklist) is attached.

Roger W. Briggs, Executive Officer

Date

Attachment A

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL COAST REGION

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Resolution R3-2008-0010
General Waiver
For
Specific Types of Discharges

I. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY

1. Project Title: General Waiver

Resolution No. R3-2008-0010, General Waiver of Waste Discharger Requirements for Specific Types of Discharges (General Waiver).

2. Lead Agency Name and Address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-7906

3. Contact Person and Phone Number:

David LaCaro, (805) 549-3892

4. Project Location:

Central Coast Region

5. Project Sponsor's Name and Address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-7906

6. Description of Project:

The Central Coast Water Board will adopt the revised General Waiver. The General Waiver allows the discharge for specific types of discharge categories that have no significant adverse effects on waters of the State. Enrollment in the waivers may be allowed by the Central Coast Water Board Executive Officer for discharges specified in Attachment A to Resolution No. R3-2008-0010, provided that specific conditions are met. Waivers may be terminated at any time at the Executive Officer's discretion.

7. Alternatives to this Proposal:

The Central Coast Water Board considered the adoption of individual waste discharger requirements for all waste discharges listed in the General Waiver. Because the waste discharges listed in the General Waiver are not expected to pose a significant threat to waters of the state, the Central Coast Water Board found it appropriate to regulate listed waste discharges through a General Waiver. The General Waiver will simplify and streamline the regulatory process without compromising the protection of water quality at the same time conserving staff resources.

8. Other Public Agencies whose Approval is Required:

Some actions subject to this General Waiver may require approval by other agencies, such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, etc.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT REQUIREMENTS

II. EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

		Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
1.	AESTHETICS Would the project:				·
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				\boxtimes
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, But not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings with a state scenic highway?				\boxtimes
c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings				
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area				\boxtimes

	AGRICULTURE RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project			
a)	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?			
b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?			\boxtimes
c)			3.	
	due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to			\boxtimes

3.	AIR QUALITY Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project		
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?		\boxtimes
b)	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?		
c)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is not attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?		
d)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	· 🗀	
e)			

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4.	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES Would the project:		
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	. 🗆	
b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?		
c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?		\boxtimes
d)	movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?		
e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?		
f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat		

5.	CULTURAL RESOURCES Would the project:				
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?				
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?				
c)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				\boxtimes
d)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				
6.	GEOLOGY AND SOILS Would the project:				
a)	Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
	i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				
	ii) Strong seismic ground shaking				
,	iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				\boxtimes
	iv) Landslides?				
b)	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				\boxtimes
•	Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in onor off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?				
d١	Be located on expansive soil, as	1 1 1	1	1 - 1 1	

	defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property			
e)	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?		· 🔲	
7.	HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS Would the project:			
a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?			
b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?			
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?			
d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?			
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?			
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a			

	private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?		
g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?		
h)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?		
Ω	HYDROLOGY AND WATER		
U.	QUALITY -Would the project:		
a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?		
b)			
c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?		
d)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or		

	off-site?				
e)	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of		·		
	existing or planned stormwater				
	drainage systems or provide				
	substantial additional sources of				
	polluted runoff?				
f)	Otherwise substantially degrade				
	water quality?				
g)	Place housing within a 100-year				
	flood hazard area as mapped on a				
	federal Flood Hazard Boundary or				
	Flood Insurance Rate Map or other				
\	flood hazard delineation map?				
n)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard				
	area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?		<u></u>		
i)	Expose people or structures to a				
יי	significant risk of loss, injury or death				
	involving flooding, including flooding				
	as a result of the failure of a levee or	السسا	لسبب		
	dam?				
j)	Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or				
-	mudflow?		<u> </u>		
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9.	LAND USE AND PLANNING				·
<u> </u>	Would the project:				ļ
a)	Physically divide an established				
	community?				
D)	Conflict with any applicable land use	عدر ردوا			
	plan, policy, or regulation of an			•	
	agency with jurisdiction over the				
	project (including, but not limited to				
	the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning				
	ordinance) adopted for the purpose			,	
	of avoiding or mitigating an				
	environmental effect?				
c)	Conflict with any applicable habitat				
9,	conservation plan or natural				
	community consensation plan?				

40	MINERAL RESOURCES Would				-
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	the project				
(a)	Result in the loss of availability of a				
	known mineral resource that would				\boxtimes
	be of value to the region and the				ļ
	residents of the state?		-		
(ם	Result in the loss of availability of a				İ
	locally -important mineral resource				
	recovery site delineated on a local				
ļ	general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				
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11	NOISE				
' '	Would the project result in				
al	Exposure of persons to or				
<i>ا</i> ا	generation of noise levels in excess				
	of standards established in the local	,	<u></u> 1	<u></u> 1	6 21
	general plan or noise ordinance, or				
	applicable standards of other				
	agencies?				
b)	Exposure of persons to or				
	generation of excessive				
	groundborne vibration or		اا	Ш	
	groundborne noise levels?				
c)	A substantial permanent increase in				
′	ambient noise levels in the project				\square
	vicinity above levels existing without				
	the project?				
d)	A substantial temporary or periodic				
	increase in ambient noise levels in				
Î	the project vicinity above levels	ا الحاد			ر الحکار
	existing without the project?				
e)	For a project located within an				
	airport land use plan or, where such				
	a plan has not been adopted, within		·		
	two miles of a public airport or public				
	use airport, would the project expose				
	people residing or working in the				
	project area to excessive noise	İ		•	
	levels?				
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a				
	private airstrip, would the project				N .
	expose people residing or working in				
	the project area to excessive noise				
	levels?		1	\$	I

12	POPULATION AND HOUSING Would the project:		·	
a)	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?			
b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?			
c)	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?			\boxtimes
13	POPULATION AND HOUSING Would the project:			
d)	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?			
e)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?			\boxtimes
f)	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?			
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	PUBLIC SERVICES		 	
a)	Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service			

	ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
	Fire protection?				M
	Police protection?				
	Schools?				
	Parks?				
	Other public facilities?				
	Other public facilities?		<u> </u>		
15	RECREATION -			· 	
	Would the project increase the use				
Ψ,	of existing neighborhood and				
	regional parks or other recreational	 			K71
	facilities such that substantial		LJ		
	physical deterioration of the facility				
	would occur or be accelerated?				
b)	Does the project include recreational				
~,	facilities or require the construction		-		
	or expansion of recreational facilities				
	which might have an adverse	_			
	physical effect on the environment?				
16	TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC				
	Would the project:				
a)	Cause an increase in traffic which is				
Í	substantial in relation to the existing				
	traffic load and capacity of the street				
	system (i.e., result in a substantial				
	increase in either the number of			Ш	
	vehicle trips, the volume to capacity				
	ratio on roads, or congestion at	Ţ			
	intersections)?				
b)	Exceed, either individually or				
	cumulatively, a level of service				
	standard established by the county				
	congestion management agency for				
	designated roads or highways?				
c)	Result in a change in air traffic				
	patterns, including either an increase		_	-	<u> </u>
	in traffic levels or a change in				
	location that results in substantial				
	safety risks?				
d)	Substantially increase hazards due				, _K
	to a design feature (e.g., sharp				
1	curves or dangerous intersections))			

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	or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?		
e)	Result in inadequate emergency access?		\boxtimes
f)	Result in inadequate parking capacity?		\boxtimes
g)	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?		\boxtimes
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17	.UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS -Would the project:		
a)	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?		
b)	Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?		
c)	Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?		
d)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?		
e)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?		
f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?		\boxtimes

g)	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?					
18	MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE		,	**		
a)	Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?					
b)						
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III. ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION (of checklist questions answered Potentially Significant Impact, Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation, or Less than Significant Impact)

The General Waiver of Waste Discharge for Specific Types of Discharges, Order No. R3-2008-0010 (General Waiver) will have no impacts to the environment. Conditions of the General Waiver must be satisfied in order for waste discharge requirements to be waived.

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:
 I find the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
 I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effect that remain to be addressed.

Signature	Date		
Printed name	Title		

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